

The annual Secretary of the Army Awards for Excellence In Contracting ceremony was held June 26, 2002, at Fort Myer, VA. Claude M. Bolton Jr, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, presented the awards. James Inman, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Policy and Procurement, and MAJ Jeannette Jones of the Total Army Personnel Command, presided over the ceremony.

The Army contracting awards are presented to commend exemplary contracting organizations and individuals. This Armywide award honors excellence and leadership in a variety of contracting activities. Specifically, the award recognizes excellence in customer satisfaction, productivity, process improvement, and quality enhancement. Hard work and dedication have placed these winners in an elite status.

### Nominating Process

This year, 71 nominations were received. A letter requesting nominations is usually issued at the end of the current fiscal year, and the ceremony is normally held the following spring. Nomination packages are endorsed by the nominee's major command (MACOM) Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting (PARC), the program executive officer, or another appropriate official. There is no limit on the number of nominations that may be submitted. However, when more than one nomination is submitted by a MACOM, the PARC will rank order the nominations in a specific category before submitting them to the Department of the Army. An evaluation board, consisting of senior-level contracting personnel, convenes and then reviews and evaluates all selection packages and reconvenes for the final award determination.

### Awards

This year, recipients represented nine commands: the U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM), the U.S. Army Forces Southern Command (USARSO), the U.S. Army Defense Contracting Command-Washington (DCC-W), the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM), the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA), the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM), the U.S. Army Pacific Command (USARPAC), the U.S. Army Contracting Command Europe (USACCE), and the U.S. Army

# CONTRACTING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM). A list of the FY01 award recipients follows.

### Unit/Team Awards

#### • Unit/Team Award For Systems Contracting

Recipient: Brigade Combat Team Acquisition Division, Warren, MI, (TACOM)

#### • Unit/Team Award For Specialized Contracting

Recipient: The Simplified Non-standard Item Acquisition Program (SNAP) Team, Warren, MI, (TACOM)

#### • Unit/Team Award For Installation-Level Contracting Center

Recipient: The Directorate of Contracting, Anniston Army Depot, Anniston, AL (TACOM)

#### • Unit/Team Award For Installation-Level Contracting Satellite

Recipient: The Directorate of Contracting, Fort Dix, NJ (FORSCOM)

### Outstanding Contracting Officers

#### • Outstanding Contracting Officer (Military) At Installation-Level Center

Recipient: CPT Erwin Rivera, USARSO, Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico

#### • Outstanding Contracting Officer (Civilian) At Installation-Level Center

Recipient: Katherine Williams, Army Atlanta Contracting Center, Atlanta, GA (FORSCOM)

#### • Outstanding Contracting Officer (Military) At Installation-Level Satellite

Recipient: CPT Jean R. Chausse, Directorate of Contracting, Fort Campbell, KY (FORSCOM)

#### • Outstanding Contracting Officer (Civilian) At Installation-Level Satellite

Recipient: David M. Lipeles, Devens Reserve Forces Training Activity, Fort Dix, NJ (FORSCOM)

#### • Outstanding Contracting Officer (Military) In Specialized Contracting

Recipient: MAJ Joy N. Kollhoff, DCC-W, Falls Church, VA

#### • Outstanding Contracting Officer (Civilian) In Specialized Contracting

Recipient: Mary Lou McCullough, TACOM, Warren, MI

#### • Outstanding Contracting Officer (Military) In Systems Contracting

Recipient: LTC James W. Norris, DCMA, Lockheed Martin, Dallas, TX

#### • Outstanding Contracting Officer (Civilian) In Systems Contracting

Recipient: Carol Cooper, AMCOM, Redstone Arsenal, AL

#### • Outstanding Contracting Officer (Military) In Contingency Contracting

Recipient: CPT Mark A. Johnson, USARPAC, Fort Shafter, HI

#### • Outstanding Contracting Officer (Civilian) In Contingency Contracting

Recipient: Cheryl L. Jones, USACCE, Wiesbaden, Germany

### Professionalism In Contracting Award

#### • Secretary of the Army Professionalism In Contracting Award (Civilian)

Recipient: Michael R. Kelemen (CECOM), Fort Monmouth, NJ

### Secretary Of The Army Award For Exceptional Support Of The Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Act Program

The JWOD Program is one of the most important programs that the Army uses to help blind and severely disabled people. This award recognizes commands, installations, or activities that successfully initiate significant additions of products or services to the Procurement List of the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Handicapped.

Recipient: James Edwards, Directorate of Contracting, Fort Lewis, WA (FORSCOM)

The Department of the Army and the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Policy and Procurement were delighted to recognize the performance of outstanding contracting professionals and organizations and encourage all commands to continue to support this prestigious recognition of Army contracting personnel. Nominations for FY02 awards may be submitted online at <https://apps.rdaisa.army.mil/saaec/awards.htm> from October through December 2002.

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